



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On December 2, 2009, a Waverly man was sentenced to 21 years and 10 months, (262 months), in prison following his conviction for conspiracy to sell methamphetamine in the Lincoln area during 2008. Billy Murphy was held responsible for the distribution of between 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine during that time. Following the prison term, Murphy will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Billy Joe Murphy

AKA:

Age: 31

City of residence: Waverly

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lancaster County

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Murphy was held responsible for at least 500

grams (approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately 3 pounds) of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about January 1, 2008, and on or about December 31, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: May 18, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: May 20, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on July 24, 2009

Sentencing Date: December 17, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: None

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: May 18, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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